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HATCH ACT OVERHAUL FACES SENATE FILIBUSTER - Senate Republican leaders threaten a filibuster if need be to block passage of the House-approved bill to overhaul the Hatch Act to give federal and postal workers the right to engage in partisan politics.

Sen Howard Baker of Tennessee, the Senate Republican leader, and Sen John Tower of Tex., chairman of the Republican Senatorial Policy Committee, spoke of a filibuster being waged against the bill if it reached the Senate floor.

However, the bill may face difficulty getting out of the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee. Chairman Abe Ribicoff, D-Conn., voted against a similar measure last year and predicts the bill faces a tough battle in the Senate this year.

Meanwhile, the AFL-CIO plans to muster all of its resources to get the bill approved in the Senate. The action of big labor as well as the various federal and postal employee unions tends to confirm the charges of the bill's opponents that its primary aim is to benefit the labor movement and not necessarily government employees. But how do government employees really feel about it?

We would urge all federal and postal employees to take a few minutes to write a brief letter to each of their two senators and tell them whether they are for or against the bill. These letters would have much greater impact on the senators than any form letter or lengthy petitions initiated by those lobbying groups for or against the bill.

By writing to your senators you will play a large role in determining whether the Hatch Act will be overhauled or not. It's one of the most vital measures affecting government employees in many years and you can have a voice in the outcome if you take a few minutes of time to express your views. It's your right as an American citizen and--irony of ironies--it doesn't violate the Hatch Act.

SINGLE ANNUITANTS BILL ADVANCES - The House has approved and sent to the Senate the bill restoring the full annuity in cases where unmarried federal or postal annuitants designate a person for a survivor annuity and the person dies before they do. Married annuitants already have the right to have their annuity restored when the spouse they designate for a survivor annuity predeceases them.

The bill also grants annuitants the right to elect within one year after remarriage whether the annuitant's new spouse shall be entitled to a survivor annuity. Its number is HR-3447.

RETIREMENT SYSTEM UNDER CARTER FIRE At his latest press conference, President Carter said it is unfair for retired federal and postal employees to hold full-time outside jobs with no reductions in their annuities while Social Security recipients cannot work full-time without jeopardizing their payments.

"I don't think it's right," he said in answer to a question. "I don't think it is fair."

Carter said he will appoint a blue-ribbon commission to study the various federal and public retirement systems and make recommendations on removing inequities between them. Also, the commission will look into such things as "employees getting a multitude of retirement and pay benefits --" "single dipping,